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SUBJECT: PROPOSED U.S. NOISE STANDARDS FOR BULLDOZERS
AND FRONT-END LOADERS

1. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) PUBLISHED
PROPOSED NOISE STANDARDS FOR NEWLY MANUFACTURED CRAWLER
TRACTORS (BULLDOZERS) AND WHEEL LOADERS (FRONT END LOADERS)
IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF JULY 11, 1977. THESE PROPOSED
REGULATIONS, WHICH WERE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NOISE
CONTROL ACT OF 1972, WOULD REQUIRE, ON THE AVERAGE,
THAT THE NOISE EMISSIONS OF THESE TWO TYPES OF VEHICLES
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BE REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY FIVE DECIBELS FROM PRESENT
LEVELS.

2. THE NOISE STANDARDS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO STEPS.
THE FIRST LIMIT ON THE ALLOWABLE LEVEL OF NOISE EMISSIONS
FROM CRAWLER TRACTORS AND WHEEL LOADERS WILL BE EFFECTIVE
MARCH 1, 1981. THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE SECOND, STRICTER

LIMIT IS MARCH 1, 1984.

PROPOSED NOISE LEVEL LIMITS ARE:

MACHINE TYPE	HORSEPOWER	NOT TO EXCEED A- WEIGHTED SOUND PRESSURE LEVEL (DBA) #	EFFECTIVE DATES
CRAWLER TRACTOR	20-199	77	3/1/81
CRAWLER TRACTOR	200-450	83	3/1/81
WHEEL LOADER	20-249	79	3/1/81
WHEEL LOADER	250-500	84	3/1/81
WHEEL TRACTOR	20 PLUS	74	3/1/81

#, (AVERAGE OF MEASUREMENTS TAKEN AT 4 POSITIONS AT 50 FEET FROM VEHICLE

3. EPA SOLICITS WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS. COMMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 TO: DIRECTOR, STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS DIVISION (AW-471), DOCKET NUMBER ONAC 77-2 (WHEEL AND CRAWLER TRACTORS), U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA ON AUGUST 30, 1977 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M., IN THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HOTEL, 9TH AND CHESTNUT STREETS, AND IN LOS ANGELES ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M., IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, 3400 WILSHIRE BLVD. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT ORAL TESTIMONY AT EITHER HEARING SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IF POSSIBLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS DIVISION BY JULY 29. REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 29 WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IF SCHEDULING PERMITS.

5. ADDRESSEE POSTSHOST COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS EXPORTERS OF BULLDOZERS OR FRONT-END LOADERS TO THE UNITED STATES.

6. A COPY OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO ADDRESSEE POSTS VIA AIRGRAM. VANCE

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